

FRANCIS INVOLVED IN \$10,000,000 SUIT

Curator of University and
Other Wealthy St. Louisans
Defendants.

J. BROOKS JOHNSON, PLAINTIFF

Receiver Asked for Transit
Company, Absorbed by
United Railways.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—Declaring that David R. Francis, Murray Carleton, James Campbell, Judge Henry Priest, Brown Bros. of New York and other stockholders of the St. Louis Transit Company owe that corporation more than 10 million dollars as the result of the sale of the company's common stock in 1899, J. Brooks Johnson applied to the circuit court yesterday for a receiver for the company.

The corporation was absorbed by the United Railways company several years ago. Johnson holds claims amounting to \$30,000 against the transit company. He alleges that the defendants received large amounts of transit company common stock for which they agreed to pay \$25 a share.

Johnson says Brown Brothers owe the Transit treasury \$7,400,000; James Campbell and Murray Carleton \$350,000 each; W. F. Boyle, Henry S. Priest and Charles D. McClure \$370,000 each and D. R. Francis \$1,000,000.

Johnson asks that the receiver be required to collect these amounts; also any "illegal profits that may have been made by the officers of the Transit company."

Mr. Francis is a member of the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri. He presided at the inauguration of President Hill here last Friday.

GLEE CLUB'S ITINERARY

It Will Take Two-Weeks' Trip, Beginning Jan. 30.

Donald C. McVay, business manager of the Glee Club of the University of Missouri, has returned from Sedalia, Booneville and other towns. Beginning Jan. 30, the Glee Club will have dates at Columbia, Marshall, Kansas City, Lawrence, Kas., Nevada, Carthage, Joplin, Fayetteville, Ark., Poplar Bluff, Cape Girardeau, Sedalia, Booneville and Jefferson City, returning Feb. 15. No dates are made for Sundays.

The list of towns in the route is not complete and several more may be added. The management requests students residing in any of these towns to "boost" the club during the holidays.

The Glee Club is composed of thirty-two members and is directed by W. H. Pommer, professor of music of the University of Missouri.

COLUMBIANS AID CHILDREN

The Rev. Philip Jamieson, of St. Louis, Collects Funds Here.

The Rev. Philip Jamieson, of St. Louis, district superintendent of the Missouri Children's Home Society, was in Columbia last week in the interest of that institution. He received financial aid to obtain homes for poor children in the cities of Missouri.

The institution, which is supported by voluntary contributions, was greatly aided for a time by Aquilla Jones, of Hallsville, Mo., who contributed \$24,000 for a building and grounds. Dr. R. H. Jesse, former president of the University of Missouri, characterizes the work as "most practical charity."

JUDGE W. W. GARTH IS ILL

Stricken at His Home by Malady Which Puzzles Physicians.

Judge W. W. Garth, cashier of the Exchange National Bank, was stricken with serious illness this morning, and is in a serious condition at his home, 100 Hitt street. He formerly was probate judge.

The exact nature of Judge Garth's illness has not been determined by his physicians, it is said. He says he is the oldest living native born Columbian. He is about sixty years old.

Lamb is St. Louis U. Captain.

Dave Lamb, who played tackle and guard on the St. Louis University football eleven during the past season and during the latter part of the season was captain of the team, was re-elected at the annual banquet tendered the squad.

PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF SUNSHINE ROASTED IN LATEST MESSAGE

President Reeder Supports Hostile
Position Taken Against Actions of
Temperature.

In his daily message to Weather Congress today President Reeder states that his attitude toward Sunshine is very unfavorable, owing to recent public expressions made by him. Other of the Elements are also objects of severe criticism. The President upholds the position which he took in a former message concerning the action of the temperature. The substance of the message is as follows:

"Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature."

The temperature at 6 a. m. was 38 degrees; at 11 a. m., 50.

DR. ALMSTEDT SHOWS HOW TO UNCORK BOTTLE

Demonstration in Pantomime Before
Der Deutsche Klub.

How to uncork a bottle of German brew was demonstrated last evening at the Christmas program of Der Deutsche Klub in the women's parlors of Academic Hall. Although there was no bottle, no cork and not even any brew, the demonstration was made in pantomime in the characteristic German manner by Dr. H. B. Almstedt.

Other numbers on the program were a series of pantomimes, participated in by members of the club for prizes. A German stein was won by F. C. Irion and other prizes by Miss Susie Hutchinson and Miss Lacy Price.

The musical program consisted of old German Christmas carols, as follows: "O Du Froehliche, O Du Selige Weihnachtszeit," "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht," "Herbei O Ihr Glaebigen," "Ihr Kinderlein Kommet" and "O Tannenbaum." Walter Stickney played the piano.

BRYAN SUGGESTED FOR PRESIDENT OF TEXAS U.

Cato Sells, Banker of Cleburne, is
Sponsor for Report.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 15.—William J. Bryan may become president of Texas University. This is the latest report about the future of the Commoner, which originated here today through the suggestion of Cato Sells, president of the State Bank & Trust Company, of Cleburne, Tex. To accept the position Bryan would be required to retire from politics.

Sells is a close friend of Bryan, and that he should be sponsor for the report is regarded as indicating the suggestion is at least under serious consideration, although the banker made it plain he was speaking on his own initiative.

BOARD OF VISITORS HERE

Members Appointed by Governor Spend
Day in Columbia.

The Board of Visitors, appointed by Gov. Folk to investigate the needs of the University of Missouri and report back to him, arrived in Columbia today.

The board consists of the following: Shelby, Mo.; Edward T. Eversole, Poplarville, Mo.; W. O. L. Jewett, Topeka, Mo.; Benton Gabbert, Dearborn, Mo.; J. P. Blanton, Jefferson City, Mo. This is the second board to visit Columbia this year. The one before was composed of members of the State Legislature.

Real Airline to be Built.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Details of a plan to establish a line of airships by a German company were published by the newspapers here today. The company plans to build seven airships and maintain regular sailings between a number of German cities, with headquarters at Frankfort-on-the-Maine. Twenty-four stations will be established. The company is made up of a number of capitalists and sporting men. Their plans are treated with skepticism.

Emmett Coleman's Son Dies.

The eight-year-old son of Emmett Coleman died this morning at 7:25 o'clock of pneumonia. The funeral will be at Locust Grove cemetery at 11 a. m. tomorrow. Coleman lives five miles west of Columbia.

Castro May Appeal to Kaiser.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 15.—It is believed here that the visit of Castro to Germany is to urge the Kaiser to intervene in his behalf. That the Kaiser will do so is considered unlikely.

SCHOLARSHIP ENTITLES HER TO TWO YEARS' TOUR OF GLOBE



MABEL E. STURTEVANT

JOURNALIST CLASS PENNANT CHOSEN

Department Will Appoint a
Committee to Receive
Norman Hapgood.

"Stunts," yells and colors were discussed at a meeting held by the students in the Department of Journalism last evening in the news room of the University Missouriian in Academic Hall. Reports by the chairmen of the various committees were heard.

The journalists' colors are to be white, old gold and black. A department pennant having for its emblem a quill and ink bottle was selected. A resolution was adopted repudiating any other pennant. A reception committee will be appointed to receive Norman Hapgood, editor of Collier's Weekly, the first of the noted journalists scheduled to address the students of the Department of Journalism, Jan. 19. Walter Wellman, Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald will follow Mr. Hapgood in February.

OKLAHOMA "AGGIES" DECLARE A STRIKE

Four Hundred Resent Discharge of
Football Coach.

STILLWATER, Okla., Dec. 15.—The athletic committee of the board of regents of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College had a meeting at the college and affirmed its ruling of last Saturday by which Edward Parry, coach of the football team, was discharged. When the action was announced 400 students held a secret meeting, Captain Edward Gallagher of the football team presiding, and resolved to withdraw from the school. The board refuses to rescind its order and has the support of President J. H. Connell of the college.

Parry presented national football rules sustaining him in his action of permitting Benjamin Gover, an Indian student, to play with the team after Gover had been dismissed from his classes, this being the ground of Parry's discharge. He disclosed that the Chillicothe Indian school team, with which the game in question was played, was not affiliated with the intercollegiate association.

To Discuss Journalism.

The annual address before the Kansas Editorial Association will be delivered Feb. 1 on "The University of Missouri School of Journalism" by Walter Williams.

Gov. William R. Stubbs of Kansas will preside and former Gov. E. W. Hoch will make the introductory remarks.

Burton Thompson Coming.

Mrs. Burton Thompson, of New York City, is the guest of Mrs. J. C. Jones. Mr. Thompson is expected. Mr. Thompson is expected is expected in Columbia for the Christmas holidays. He is a brother of Mrs. Jones and one of the most widely known Missourians in the metropolis.

KING OF ENGLAND IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Royal Family and Physicians
Alarmed Over Edward's
Condition.

By United Press.
LONDON, Dec. 15.—It was learned today on unquestionable authority that King Edward is seriously ill and that members of the royal family and the attending physicians are greatly alarmed.

Reassuring bulletins have been given out, but it is acknowledged that the time is approaching when the truth must be told.

Edward is said to realize his condition and is preparing to seek a cure in some southern resort.

JAMES J. STORROW MAY SUCCEED ELIOT

Banker and Alumnus Called to Harvard
Presidency.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—James J. Storrow, it is reported, has been selected by the overseers of Harvard to succeed President Eliot.

Mr. Storrow is a member of an old Boston family, and has been connected for several years with the banking firm of Lee, Higginson & Co., of Boston, from 1879 until graduated, in 1883. Mr. Storrow held the record as Harvard's strong man, and was also captain of the university crew. He is an overseer of the university. For the last three years he has been and is still president of the Boston School Board.

If Mr. Storrow declines the offer, Dr. Calvin Woodward, of Washington University, the "father of manual training," will in all probability be selected.

Dutch Take Another Ship.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Dispatches from The Hague announce that another Venezuelan coast guardship, the Mayo, has been captured by the Dutch. The messages state that Holland expects by such methods to incite a revolution in Venezuela that will overthrow Castro.

"Co-op" to Confer with Dr. Hill.

The Co-operative Store Board of Directors met last night and among other business appointed a committee to confer with President Hill relative to the business policies of the store.

Commercial Club Meets.

A regular meeting of the Commercial club was held last evening. There was not a large attendance and only routine matters were discussed.

Dr. Hill to Kansas City.

President Hill will go to Kansas City Wednesday to attend the banquet of the Kansas City Alumni Association.

Henry County Club to Meet.

The Henry County Club will meet in Room 24, Academic Hall, tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

WOMAN LAWYER SIGNALLY HONORED

Miss Mabel E. Sturtevant is
the Secretary of National
Educational Body.

WON THE BRAUN SCHOLARSHIP

Only Girl in Class of 54
Graduates of Law
School.

The only woman in a class of fifty-four graduates from the Law Department of the University of Missouri, winner of the Braun Scholarship, and now secretary of the National Students and Teachers Association of New York City, is the record made by Miss Mabel E. Sturtevant, of Brookfield, Mo., a student in the College of Arts and Science and Teachers College of the University.

The appointment of Miss Sturtevant as secretary of the National Students and Teachers Association was made Nov. 25, at Moberly, Mo., by one of the chief officers of the organization. The association, now a year old, was organized to promote the social, intellectual and economic side of student life in the United States. The membership is limited to students, ministers and teachers in universities and colleges doing at least two years of collegiate work. There are now several thousand members. One of the purposes is to conduct tours for students and teachers during the summer vacations, which are accompanied by regular lecturers.

Tours of Europe Planned.

Miss Sturtevant said last evening that a lecturer on history would be chosen, probably from the University of Missouri, for the tour next summer, which is to include the historic parts of the Eastern States. Tours to various parts of Europe are planned for the future. Another purpose of the organization is to establish loan funds for the use of students at State universities. The other officers of the association are: President, Dr. Silas Brown, New York City; vice-president, Dr. J. N. Wilbur, Castle, Pa.; treasurer, Wylie Smith, Chicago.

Miss Sturtevant is now preparing for the tour provided for in the Braun scholarship, which she won last year in a competitive examination while in Europe. The scholarship provides for two years of travel to every civilized country of the globe, and begins next summer. She is making a special study of conditions in foreign countries preparatory for the trip.

Miss Sturtevant is the sixth woman graduate of the Law Department of the University of Missouri, and is said to be the fourth woman in the United States to complete the regular three-years' law course in two years and a half. She was graduated last June.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S COLLECTION INCREASES

Secretary Sampson Shows Need for
Greater Space.

Secretary F. A. Sampson at the annual meeting of the State Historical Society, held last evening in the society rooms at the University of Missouri, reported on the year's work of the society, showing great additions to its collections of books and pamphlets and the need for adequate space for housing these collections.

W. O. L. Jewett, of Shelby, president of the Society, and R. M. White, of Mexico, chairman of the finance committee, were present. The society re-elected for three years the trustees whose terms expired at this meeting.

At the spring meeting of the Society papers will be read and addresses delivered. The meeting last evening was for formal business.

ODD FELLOWS IN SESSION

More Than 400 Attend Boone County
Convention.

More than 400 delegates attended the annual convention of Odd Fellows of Boone county, held at Entertainment Hall last evening. Delegates were present from each of the eight chapters of the lodge in Boone county, besides a number of visiting delegates from Central Missouri.

The principal feature of the exercises was the initiation of six candidates, after which a lunch was served to the delegates by the ladies of the Columbia lodge of Rebekahs.

PULITZER MEMBER OF ANANIAS CLUB PRESIDENT SAYS

Threatens Libel Suit Against
Editor of Post-Dispatch
and World in a Special
Message to Congress.

DEMANDS AN INVESTIGATION
OF PANAMA CANAL CHARGES

Denies That Brother-in-Law
Or Charles Taft Are
Implicated.

HISTORY OF PANAMA CANAL CONTROVERSY

The Indianapolis News, of which Delavan Smith is chief owner, charged during the recent campaign that the United States paid \$40,000,000 for property which should have cost \$12,000,000, and asked who got the rest of the money.

In reply, President Roosevelt bitterly assailed Mr. Smith, who proved he had nothing to do with the publication. The News announced editorially that it got its information from the New York World.

President Roosevelt then assailed the World, which announced its willingness to prove all it had charged, and demanded an investigation of what it called "Panama corruption." It intimated that the \$28,000,000 balance of the Panama canal money went to J. P. Morgan & Co., and through them to Douglass Robinson, brother-in-law of the President, and Charles P. Taft, brother of President-elect W. H. Taft.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt today sent a special message to Congress regarding the Panama Canal scandal charges. The language is the strongest ever used in a presidential message. Joseph Pulitzer, owner of the New York World and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, is particularly arraigned in the message as a "vilifier of the American people."

The President brands as "scurrilous, libelous and false" the charges that Charles P. Taft, brother of the President-elect, and Douglass Robinson, brother-in-law of the President, participated in the \$40,000,000 canal purchase funds.

He denied positively that either Taft or Robinson had anything to do with the funds.

The President says Mr. Pulitzer who owns and edits the World is directly responsible for the charges and accuses him of criminal offense against the individuals libelled. The real injury, however, the President asserts, is to the American people, whose name he says has been "blackened" by the charges.

The President asserts that the prosecution of Mr. Pulitzer cannot be left to individuals and that the Attorney-General is now considering what form of prosecution shall be instituted.

Knox Makes Statement.

The message includes the statements of Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, who as Attorney-General conducted the canal negotiations, and of William Nelson Cromwell, a New York lawyer and agent of the canal company, who was largely instrumental in consummating the sale.

The document is the result of nearly a week's incessant work by the President and his advisers. The final conference was held Sunday, when the President summoned the White House attaches, from Secretary Loeb down, and also invited Secretary Root and Senator Lodge to meet him. All callers were informed that the offices were closed and that no one would be admitted. The President and Secretary Loeb denied themselves to all callers.

World Editorial.

The World editorial which called forth the President's attack follows in part:

"In view of President Roosevelt's deliberate misstatements of fact in his scandalous attack upon Mr. Delavan Smith, editor of the Indianapolis News, the World calls upon the congress of the United States to make immediately a full and impartial investigation of the entire Panama canal scandal."

"The investigation of 1906 by the senate committee of the interoceanic